

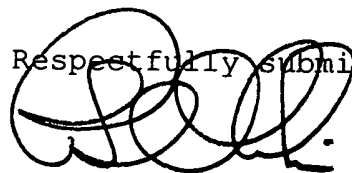
REMARKS

Applicants have amended the application to eliminate multiple dependencies, to incorporate the amendment filed in the European Patent Office on June 29, 2000, in PCT/DE99/02582, the priority of which is claimed (copy attached hereto as Exhibit A), and to adapt the specification, claims and abstract to U.S. patent practice.

Original claims 1-13 have been amended and are currently pending in the present application. No new matter has been added by any of the above amendments.

Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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